MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether the conversion from kind to coin was decided upon by the Chief before the Dewan's visit or after the Dewan's visit ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think that is the practice there. The Chief has a right to collect tax only in money if a tenant does not pay him in kind when the taxes fall due.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Does the Chief collect the tax only in coin ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He collects tax in cash as well as in kind.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Formerly, was he collecting the tax in money or in kind ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He was collecting partly in cash and partly in kind.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Chief Secretary specify the authority under which the Government thought of addressing the Chief in matters relating to the Chief and his tenants ?

PRESIDENT : That question does not arise.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : I asked that question with the purpose of ascertaining how far the Government may interfere or whether the Government have got any authority in interfering in the affairs of the Chief.

Supply of water in the Rajakamangalam Village.

35. ***MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR** (*Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any memorial or resolution from the villagers of Rajakamangalam for the supply of good drinking water ;

(*b*) whether the place was inspected by any officer of the Sanitary Department ; and

(*c*) if so, the nature of the report submitted by the Sanitary Department regarding the same and the action taken by the Government thereafter ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Definite proposals for a suitable scheme of water-supply for the village have been called for, by the Chief Engineer, from the Division officer, Nagercoil, at the instance of the Sanitary Commissioner. An estimate for the acquisition of land has been sanctioned and the Land Revenue Commissioner has been asked to take steps to acquire the lands.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): அடுத்த பட்ஜெட்டில் இதற்காக ஏதாவது புரவிஷன் உண்டா?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): There is no provision in the Budget next year. We must acquire lands first.

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MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): குடிப்பதற்கு நல்ல தண்ணீர் இல்லாமல் கஷ்டப்பட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிற ஜனங்களுக்கு தண்ணீர் வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்பது கவர்மெண்டின் கருத்தா?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): They are taking steps to do so.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): அப்படியானால் அதை பட்ஜெட்டில் சேர்க்காதிருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன?

MR. L H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I think that does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): When was the first representation submitted to Government by the people of that place?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): In 1932.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether there was any provision for expenditure on this item in the budget for 1107?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not know.

MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to expedite the matter so that the people of that locality may have sufficient supply of good drinking water?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): We will do all that we can.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to take it that there is no provision in the next year's Budget?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the reason why it was omitted?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): At present we are spending money on the acquisition of land.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Could not the Government prepare the estimate at the same time?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It will be prepared after provision is made in the budget.

Drainage facilities in the Kodayar area.

36. *MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that owing to want of proper drainage facilities, the water at the tail-race of the Kodayar channels is reducing the fertility of the area affected by the same: and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have taken any steps to prevent the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

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